

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1091

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A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge in Maury County in honor of the late Kenneth D. Foster.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor the memory of those august Tennesseans who, throughout their venerable lives, have worked for the greater good of their community; and

WHEREAS, one such person was Mr. Kenneth D. Foster, a third generation Maury countian, who passed away on June 25, 2001 as the result of an accident on his farm while driving his tractor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was born March 22, 1917, as one of seven children to George Wesley and Ruth Holt Foster; and

WHEREAS, he was a successful farmer who also served with probity as an employee of the Maury Farmers Co-op for 25 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was a pillar of his community; he evinced his devout religious faith as a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, where he was highly respected and admired by the congregation; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, Kenneth Foster was most appreciative of the love and support of his wife of 46 years, Ruth Davidson Foster; and their son, Kenneth W. Foster; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was born, lived and died on property near where a bridge now stands, east of Culleoka; and

WHEREAS, members of the Maury County community have requested this body to name such bridge, which spans Fountain Creek on State Route 373, to memorialize this distinguished Tennessean, whose significant contributions to Maury County and its citizens will long be remembered; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body most heartily concur with this excellent proposal to honor the memory of this inimitable man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning Fountain Creek east of Culleoka on State Route 373 in Maury County is hereby designated the "Kenneth D. Foster Memorial Bridge" as a memorial to his dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Kenneth D. Foster Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to the requirements of the preceding resolving clause, this resolution shall become operative only if Maury County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Maury County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Maury County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Maury County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Maury County Commission.